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Saints and Feasts:

Sunday, August 8, 2021

- ◊ 7th Sunday of Matthew
- ◊ Emilian the Confessor & Bishop of Cyzikos

He puts an end to the woman's fear ... He sets her right, in respect of her thinking to be hid ... He exhibits her faith to all, so as to provoke the rest also to emulation ...

And then at last He for His part lays His hand upon them, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you." And this He does to confirm their faith, and to show that they are participators in the good work ...

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 32 on Matthew 9, 4th Century



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.

Narthex Duty:

Anesti Dhima & Tony Frankos

Welcoming Ministry:

Leia & Corey Kennelly

Orthros Reader:

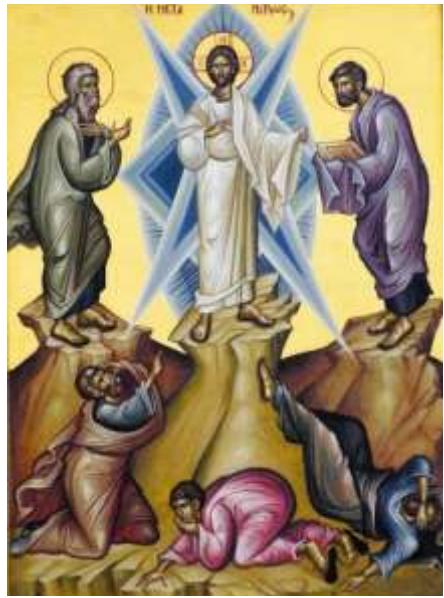
Aris Kapsopoulos

Coffee Hour:

St. Basil Philoptochos

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion Plagal of the 2nd Tone

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Grave Tone

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we be, shine Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Apolytikion for the Church 1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion Grave Tone

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

Απολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον Τχος πλ. β'

Αγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Απολυτίκιον

Τχος βαρύς

Μετεμορθώθης εν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ο Θεός, δείξας τοίς Μαθηταίς σου τήν δόξαν σου, καθώς ἡδυναντο, Λάμψον καί ημίν τοίς αμαρτωλοίς, τό φώς σου τό αἰδιον, πρεσβείαις τής Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ Τχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ως δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὐ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἥθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ιεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὁσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ήμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον Τχος βαρύς

Ἐπί τού ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καί ως εχώρουν οι Μαθηταί σου τήν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ο Θεός εθεάσαντο, ίνα ὄταν σε ίδωσι σταυρούμενον, τό μέν πάθος νοήσωσιν εκούσιον, τώ δέ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ότι σύ υπάρχεις αληθώς, τού Πατρός τό απαύγασμα.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 15:1-7
τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Ἄδελφοί, ὁφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἐαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἐκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἐαυτῷ ἤρεσεν, ἀλλά, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὄνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὄνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ο δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δώῃ ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:27-35
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἡκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κράζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, νιὲ Δαυΐδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοί, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεῳχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριψάσθαι αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὄρατε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ.

Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἵδού προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια.

Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

- Sunday, August 8, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 7th Sunday of Matthew

- Tuesday, August 10, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
- Wednesday, August 11, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
- Thursday, August 12, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
- Friday, August 13, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

- Saturday, August 14, 5:30pm - Great Vespers for Assumption of Virgin Mary (at Chicago-area parishes)

- Sunday, August 15, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

- Sunday, August 22, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 9th Sunday of Matthew

- Wednesday, August 25, - Sunday School Registration
- Wednesday, August 25, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

- Sunday, August 29, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

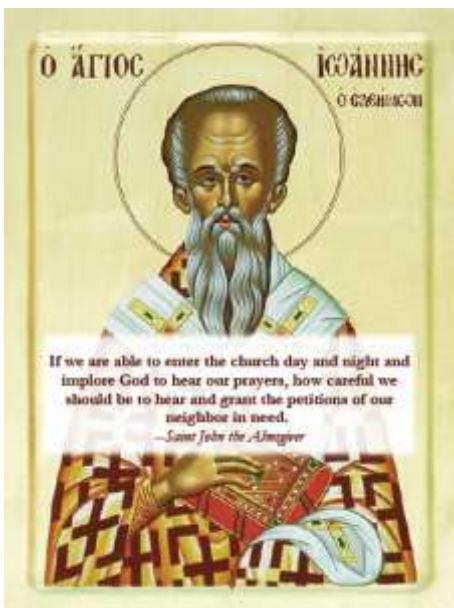
- Tuesday, August 10, 7:00pm - Great Vespers of the Indiction

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

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We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 6th Sunday of Matthew 6:00 pm Paraklisis Service	2 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Parish Council	3 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	4 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	5 7:00 pm "Great Vespers for Transfiguration of our Lord Monastery (at Harvard, IL monastery)"	6 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	7 Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
8 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 7th Sunday of Matthew	9 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	10 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	11 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	12 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	13 5:30 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	14 7:00 pm "Great Vespers for Assumption of Virgin Mary (at Chicago-area parishes)"
15 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary	16	17	18	19	20 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	21
22 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 9th Sunday of Matthew	23	24	25 Sunday School Registration Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary	26	27 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	28
29 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John	30	31 7:00 pm Great Vespers of the Indiction				

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.



I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests



Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.

STEWARSHIP CORNER

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

STEWARD GOAL

143 Stewards YTD
% of Goal: **75.26%**

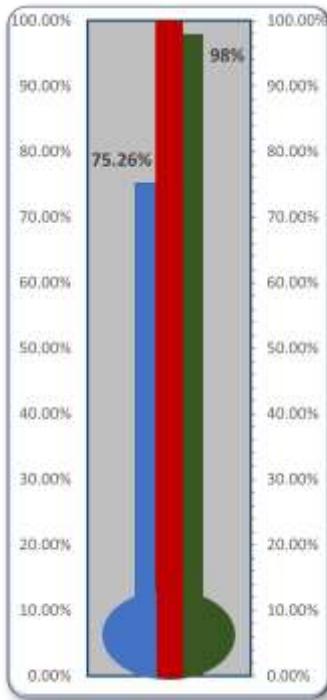
PLEDGE GOAL

\$192,159.00 Pledged YTD
% of Goal: **98%**

**101 Stewards Engaged in
Ministries**
% of Goal: **71.63%**

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Average Pledge
\$1362.82



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**It's that time of year to get your clubs out
and join Metropolitan Nathanael on the
golf course!**

All clergy, stewards, families, friends, young adults, and youth are invited to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago's 3rd Annual Golf Outing, benefiting the Metropolis' **Mustard Seed Fund**, at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton, Illinois on **Thursday, September 23, 2021** !

Coffee Hour **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



"My cup overflows with your blessings."

PSALM 23:5

Do you want to celebrate a loved one?

- ◊ Birthday
- ◊ Nameday
- ◊ Anniversary
- ◊ Memorial

Offer a Coffee Hour at St. Basil!

Click the Link to volunteer!



SAVE THE DATE

AUG. 18, 2021

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



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18 Holes of Golf
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Open Bar

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Dinner
Open Bar

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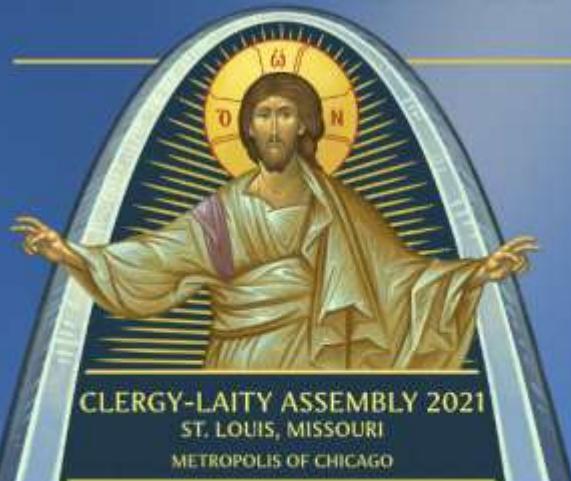
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Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

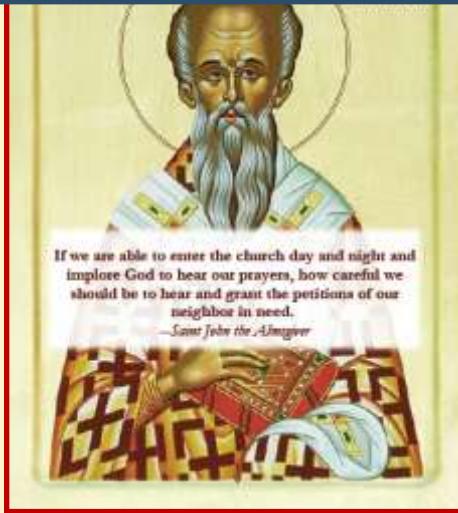
To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

[Learn More](#)

[Donate Now](#)

Grow the faith with the #MetropolisMustardSeed

Parish Outreach



St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

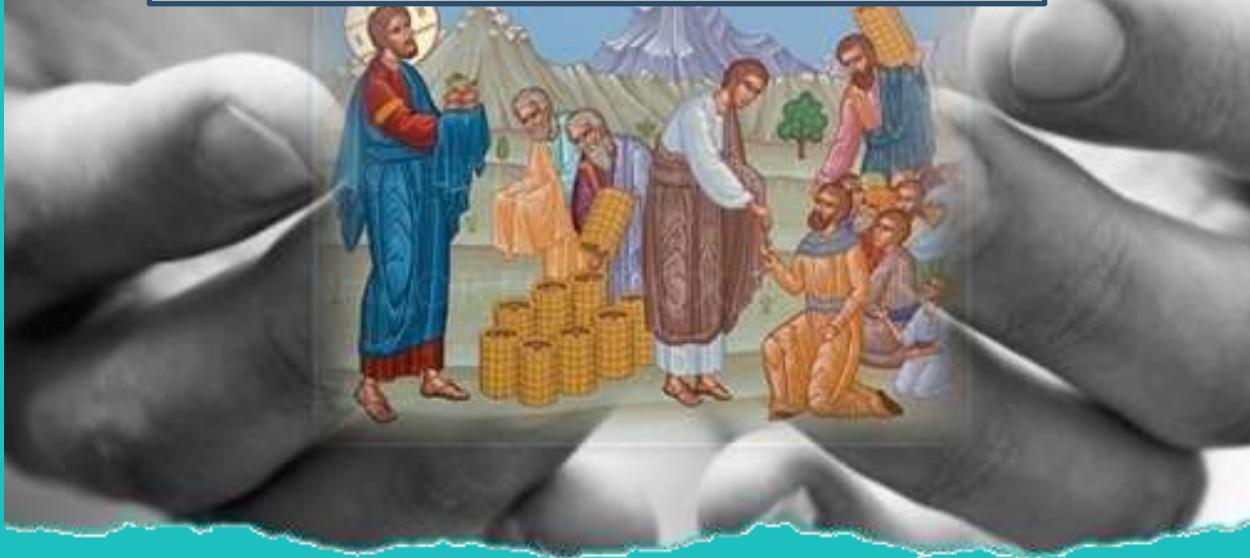
1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush

- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.

Metropolis Outreach



CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats



DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
on Sundays 9am –12pm.**

This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project